Faculty of Science

Full-time academic vacancy in the field of: “Animal Systematics and Diversity”

Start date: 01/09/2022

Vacancy reference: FS-211215-01

Description of the course load
A full time, indivisible position in the field of Animal Systematics and Diversity, within the Department of Biology, Ecology and Evolution. This post includes teaching, research and services to the Community.

Teaching activities
The teaching activities will include the following six courses: Biology (compulsory), Notions of biological evolution (compulsory), Animal taxonomy and phylogeny (compulsory), Internship: biodiversity, phylogeny and ecology (compulsory), Training in scientific communication (optional), Biology of multicellular organisms - animals, for a total of 95h Th, 110h TP and 11 days on a field trip given in the Bachelor’s courses in Biology, Geography, Geology and Master’s courses. These courses will begin as soon as the post-holder takes up office (September 2022). The candidate will also develop a course dedicated to the Biology of Benthic Invertebrates and Nekton as part of the Master in Oceanography. The candidate may be called upon by to the Department of Biology, Ecology and Evolution and the Faculty of Science to develop new courses or take over existing ones, depending on their availability. They will contribute towards the supervision of doctoral theses and dissertations.

Research Activities
The candidate will develop research on the systematics and diversity of marine invertebrates, their functional diversity and their ecology, in close collaboration with members of the Department of Biology, Ecology and Evolution, the Faculty of Science and possibly other faculties. In the current context of erosion of biodiversity, overexploitation of resources, pollution, artificialisation of landscapes, increase in the number of invasive species and impacts of climate change in the marine environment, this field of research is at the heart of environmental issues.

Services to the Community
The candidate will participate in the various activities and missions of the Department of Biology, Ecology and Evolution and of the faculty. The candidate will be involved in assisting with the management of the university’s Aquarium-Museum collections.

Qualifications required / profile
- The candidate will hold a PhD in Science and will have demonstrated research experience and a network of international collaborations in the field of animal systematics and diversity of marine invertebrates;
- They will also have to demonstrate the ability to teach and facilitate theoretical and practical courses to large groups (180 students in Block 1 of the Bachelor of Biology), to teach both Bachelor and Master courses, including a Bachelor’s course in General Biology;
- They will be able to teach in French and English. They will also have to be able to supervise field trips in Bachelor’s and Master’s courses (estuaries, coastal areas, marine environments).

A long-term post-doctoral research stay abroad is a major asset.
Selection procedure
The selection procedure will be in accordance with the regulations applied within the University of Liège.

Our institutional policy is based on diversity and equal opportunities. We select candidates on the basis of their qualities regardless of age, sexual orientation, origin, beliefs, disability or nationality.

Applications
Applicants are requested to submit their applications electronically, to the following address: Postesacademiques@uliege.be with a copy to Ms Françoise Motte - francoise.motte@uliege.be by 18 March 2022 at the latest.

Documents required:
- Applications should be submitted (with a cover letter) accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae (see the procedures on the website of the Faculty of Sciences at: https://www.sciences.uliege.be/emploi-sciences);
- A report on past and current research activities and a research plan, including the envisaged integration within the University of Liège;
- A teaching file including a report on any prior teaching activities and a teaching plan;
- A copy of any publications (electronic version).

Recruitment conditions
The post-holder will be appointed either for a fixed term of four years, or definitively.

If the post is granted for a fixed term, an evaluation will take place during the third year.

- If this evaluation is negative, the appointment will end after the four-year period.
- If the assessment is positive, the person concerned shall be appointed on a permanent basis.

Information
Any further information may be obtained from: Ms. Françoise Motte – tel.: +32 (0) 4 366 36 52 - francoise.motte@uliege.be

Remuneration:
Salary scales and how they are applied are available from the human resources department of the University: Ms Ludivine Depas – tel.: +32 (0) 4 366 52 04 – Ludivine.Depas@uliege.be